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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) A can comprising:

a main body having an inside cavity;

a seal member sectioned by an arc shaped notch portion formed on an upper surface of the main body;

a recessed thimble portion formed at the seal member and having a first side adjacent to and near said notch portion;

a wrinkled portion formed at the seal member near a second side of said thimble portion opposite to said first side, said wrinkled portion being constructed to be bent in a wave shape when said notch portion of the main body is destroyed by lateral movement of said thimble portion away from said notch portion and toward said wrinkled portion to provide an opening in said seal member through which the contents of said main body can be dispensed without further manipulation of said seal member.

2. (Previously Amended) The can of claim 1, further comprising an initial destruction portion formed near the thimble portion for initially destroying the notch portion when the thimble portion is bent laterally away from said notch portion.

3. (Currently Amended) The can of claim 2, wherein said initial destruction portion is formed by making the outer circumferential surface of said thimble portion

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portion sharply bent toward said notch portion at the boundary portion between said thimble portion and the seal member.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Previously Amended) The can of claim 1, further comprising a support wrinkled portion formed by stepping the seal member around said thimble portion.

6. (Previously Amended) The can of claim 1, wherein a beverage flow guiding portion is formed on the upper surface of the main body adjacent to said notch portion on the outer side thereof opposite to said thimble portion.

7. (Currently Amended) A can comprising:

a main body having a predetermined cavity for storing beverage;

a seal member sectioned by an arch shaped notch portion formed on an upper surface of the main body and having first and second inclined portions with respect to a support wrinkled portion formed with a step;

a recessed thimble portion formed at the seal member near said notch portion such that the support wrinkled portion adjacent to the notch portion can be vertically disposed at a central portion thereof;

a second wrinkled portion formed at the second inclined portion and bent in a wave shape when the notch portion is destroyed by lateral movement of the thimble portion away from the notch portion and toward the second wrinkled portion to provide an opening in said seal member through which a beverage in said main body can be dispensed without further manipulation of said seal member; and

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an initial destruction portion formed adjacent to the thimble portion and the notch portion for initially destroying the notch portion when the thimble portion is bent laterally away from the notch portion.

8. (Original) The can of claim 7, wherein a skirt portion is formed between an edge of the first and second inclined portions and the main body.

9. (Previously Amended) The can of claim 7, wherein a beverage flow guiding portion is formed around the notch portion on the upper surface of the main body.

10. (Withdrawn) A can comprising:

a main body having a cavity for storing beverage;

a seal member sectioned by an arc shaped notch portion formed on an upper surface of the main body;

a protruding tab formed at the seal member adjacent to the notch portion; and

a wrinkled portion formed around the protruding tab to be bent when the notch portion is destroyed as the protruding tab is bent.

11. (Withdrawn) The can of claim 10, further comprising an initial destruction portion formed to extend from the protruding tab toward the notch portion for destroying the notch portion when the protruding tab is bent.

12. (Withdrawn) The can of claim 10, further comprising a beverage flow guiding portion on the upper surface around the notch portion.

13. (Withdrawn) A can comprising:

a main body having a cavity for storing beverage;

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a seal member sectioned by an arc shaped notch portion formed on the upper surface of the main body;

at least a pair of protruding tabs formed at the seal member; and

a boundary notch portion formed between the protruding tabs.

14. (Withdrawn) The can of claim 13, further comprising an initial destruction portion formed to extend from each of the protruding tabs toward the boundary notch portion for destroying the boundary notch portion when the protruding tabs are bent.

15. (Withdrawn) A can comprising:

a main body having a cavity for storing beverage;

a protruding tab disposed at the center of a circular beading portion formed on an upper surface of the main body;

a central notch portion formed around the protruding tab; and

a circular notch portion connected to the central notch portion and separated at a predetermined distance and having an opening on the upper surface of the main body.

16. (Withdrawn) The can of claim 15, further comprising an initial destruction portion formed to extend from the protruding tab toward the boundary notch portion for destroying the central notch portion when the protruding tab is bent.

17. (Withdrawn) A can comprising:

a main body having a cavity for storing beverage;

a pressed tab formed by pressing a protruding portion formed by beading in a circular shaped on the upper surface of the main body; and

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a circular notch portion connected to a central notch portion formed around the pressed tab and the central notch portion and forming an opening on the upper surface of the main body when being cut.

18. (Previously Presented) The can of claim 1 wherein said wrinkled portion is formed at an inclined portion of the seal member to facilitate lateral movement of said thimble portion.